

Minutes

June 23, 2011

Oskaloosa, IA

Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened at the Oskaloosa Senior Center. Commission Chair, Daniel Ernst, called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

Roll Call

Members Present

Daniel Ernst, Chair (Telephonic Connection)
Betty Grandquist
Judy Bevers (Telephonic Connection)
Ken Petersen (Telephonic Connection)
Carole Dunkin
Ralph Wolf
Rep. Gaskill*

Members Absent

Linda Larkin
Sen. Dotzler*
Sen. Johnson*
Rep. Pettengill*

*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

Others Present: Available on hardcopy.

Director Harvey passed along Commissioner Larkin's regrets in being unable to attend the meeting. She was one of 28 individuals selected to attend leadership training at the American Healthcare Association in Washington DC.

Agenda

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Petersen, and a second by Commissioner Grandquist to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Bevers, and a second by Commissioner Wolf to approve the minutes of April 6, 2011. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Director Report

Director Harvey's report to the Commission included updates on the appropriations bill, House File 45, the Administration on Aging (AoA) onsite visit, Reauthorization of the Older American's Act, Care Transitions grant, Healthcare Collaborative, and her work with DHS and IDPH.

Aging Resources of Central Iowa (ARCI) Audit Update

It was found for period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009 ARCI needed to return \$184,422.91 to the state based upon questionable uses of money beyond the end of the fiscal year. Director Harvey was told upon

taking the director position with the department that she could negotiate a settlement with ARCI as long as we could guarantee they had ceased the practices, had new policies and procedures in place to ensure the practices would not continue in the future, and that the Department was comfortable with where the Agency was at. Director Harvey met with the Board of ARCI; spoke with ARCI's auditor, the Attorney General's Office, and the State Auditor's Office. The negotiated amount ARCI will return is \$88,418.34. Of that amount \$12,500 was federal funds that will be returned to the federal government. The remaining balance will be returned to the state general fund. ARCI has to pay the funds with non-state or federal funds. ARCI has identified the money, and it is currently being held by their legal firm. A check will be dropped off at the Department early the week of June 27, 2011. The department is in the process of putting in extra steps to ensure this doesn't happen into the future.

Department Audit Update

Director Harvey reported the department's audit for year end June 30, 2010 has been completed. It was a good audit report. A couple recommendations were given in the report. In the first recommendation the Department should ensure all requirements of IAC Chapters 11 – 106 through 11 – 107 are met when entering into service contracts. Six out of 10 contracts reviewed started before they were signed. The department has systems in place to ensure compliance. In the second recommendation the Department should implement procedures to ensure the allowability and the proper coding of vendor payments is reviewed and the procedures performed during on-site reviews are documented. The Department does not have the staff at this time to perform this function. The department will continue to review systems and procedures.

Rapid Analysis of Opportunities Project Update

Steve Eiken, Senior Research Leader, Community Living Systems, Healthcare & Science, Thomson Reuters provided the Commission with an update of the Rapid Analysis of Opportunities Project. See the PowerPoint for additional details.

2012 Area Plan Updates

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Wolf, and a second by Commissioner Bevers to approve the Area Agency Plans on Aging and funds transfers as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Area Agency on Aging Presentations

Presentations were provided to the commission by:

- Connie Holland, Director, Seneca Area Agency on Aging
- Dennis Zegarac, Director, Southeast Iowa Agency on Aging

Announcements from the Commission and/or Department Staff

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Grandquist, and a second by Commissioner Wolf to approve the next regular commission meeting be held August 16 in Des Moines. All members present voted: Aye but Commissioner Ernst who abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Rep. Gaskill acknowledged the meeting was very educational and appreciated the opportunity to participate.

Mark Hanson, Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging Executive Director, thanked Betty Grandquist for her services again and getting him involved in the aging network. He congratulated Governor Branstad in selecting Donna Harvey as the Director of the Iowa Department on Aging. He spoke of her years of service and

knowledge of the aging network and voiced his hopes that the policymakers listen. Hanson was pleased a resolution was reached in the ARCI matter and thanked Donna for working through it. He spoke of his time as a board member of CTEC and the fraud and criminal indictments that were involved stating the Area Agency directors were trying to serve seniors in the best way possible. Hanson spoke about the consolidation stating he hopes we are not consolidating just to consolidate, but we're actually thinking about how we're going to improve services for seniors in the state of Iowa. He believes there is potential if it's done right. This particular consolidation will not save dollars as he's analyzed it, things may become more efficient. Iowa has 13 Area Agencies on Aging serving 601,929 seniors according to population counts. Iowa has 359 school administrative units serving 450,000 k-12 students. Sixty percent of the state budget is spent on education. We have a disconnect in this state that needs to be addressed. We need to advocate for the aging population and the resources to get it done.

Commissioner Ernst commented he hopes the consolidations doesn't affect the quality and efficiency of services delivered

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Wolf moved, Commissioner Petersen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 PM.

Chair

Date

Recording Secretary

Date